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 For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR REMOVAL OF ORGANIC MOLECULES
 FROM BIOLOGICAL MIXTURES USING A HYDROPHILIC SOLID
 SUPPORT IN A HYDROPHOBIC MATRIX

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 7 January 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 7 April 2004 to 7 May 2004.

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